

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

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Date

Honorable Dan Patrick  
President of the Senate

Honorable Dade Phelan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on SB 52 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

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# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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S .B. No. 52

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education, the oversight of certain capital projects at those institutions, and the designation of certain appropriated funds allocated to those institutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 55.111 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.111. CERTAIN ALLOCATED FUNDS TO BE DESIGNATED AS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROJECTS. For purposes of this subchapter, funds allocated from the appropriation of general revenue or federal funds to an institution of higher education to supplement revenue funds of the institution described by Section 55.13(a) may be designated as "Capital Construction Assistance Projects."

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 55.1791, 55.1792, 55.1793, 55.1794, 55.1795, 55.1796, 55.1797, 55.1798, 55.1799, and 55.17991 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.1791. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or

equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) The Texas A&M University System, \$43,425,406 for construction of a STEM education center at the RELLIS campus;

(2) Prairie View A&M University, \$44,922,833 for construction of a teaching and academic student support services facility;

(3) Tarleton State University:

(A) \$65 million for construction of a College of Health Sciences and Human Services building on the Stephenville campus; and

(B) \$25 million for expansion of the Fort Worth campus;

(4) Texas A&M University, \$56,153,542 for construction of a clinical veterinary teaching and research complex;

(5) Texas A&M University--Commerce, \$44,922,833 for an Agricultural Multipurpose Education and Training Center;

(6) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, \$44,922,833 for construction of an arts and media building;

(7) Texas A&M University at Galveston, \$33,692,125 for construction of an engineering classroom and research building;

(8) Texas A&M University--Kingsville, \$44,922,833 for renovations to address deferred maintenance for campus buildings;



1           (9) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, \$44,922,833  
2 for construction of a central utility plant and infrastructure  
3 upgrades;

4           (10) West Texas A&M University, \$44,922,833 for  
5 infrastructure upgrades to address health and safety issues and  
6 the renovation of an education building;

7           (11) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$44,922,833 for  
8 construction of a public health and education building;

9           (12) Texas A&M International University, \$44,922,833  
10 for construction of a health science education and research center;

11           (13) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$44,922,833 for  
12 construction of a business, engineering, and technology building;  
13 and

14           (14) The Texas A&M University System Health Science  
15 Center:

16           (A) \$69,897,111 for construction of the Texas  
17 Medical Center Building 3 in Houston, Texas; and

18           (B) \$29,948,556 for construction of a nursing  
19 education and research center in McAllen, Texas.

20           (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
21 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
22 an institution, branch, or entity of The Texas A&M University  
23 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
24 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while  
25 the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund  
26 those bonds, are outstanding.

27           (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to

1 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
2 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The Texas A&M  
3 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
4 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
5 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

6 (d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
7 (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university  
8 system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that  
9 subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance,  
10 infrastructure, or construction at the same institution, entity,  
11 or system in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount  
12 authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects  
13 authorized for the institution, entity, or system under this  
14 chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education  
15 Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided  
16 by this subsection.

17 (e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
18 Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
19 must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
20 Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
21 an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor  
22 or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
23 later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
24 the request.

25 Sec. 55.1792. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
26 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
27 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System

1 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or  
2 equip property and facilities, including roads and related  
3 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance  
4 of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with  
5 a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for  
6 the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate  
7 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

8       (1) The University of Texas System, \$56,153,542 for  
9 renovation of the Microelectronics Research Center at the  
10 J. J. Pickle Research Campus;

11       (2) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$52,409,972  
12 for renovation of the Life Science Building;

13       (3) The University of Texas at Austin, \$56,153,542 for  
14 renovation of the Physics, Math, and Astronomy Building;

15       (4) The University of Texas at Dallas, \$52,409,972 for  
16 construction of a student success center;

17       (5) The University of Texas at El Paso, \$52,409,972 for  
18 construction of an advanced teaching and learning complex;

19       (6) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin,  
20 \$44,922,833 for renovation of the Mesa Building and campus  
21 transformation;

22       (7) The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley,  
23 \$44,922,833 for construction of a health affairs building;

24       (8) The University of Texas at San Antonio, \$52,409,972  
25 for construction of an Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Careers  
26 building;

27       (9) The University of Texas at Tyler, \$44,922,833 for

1 construction of a sciences building;

2 (10) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
3 Houston, \$69,897,111 for construction of a public health education  
4 and research building;

5 (11) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
6 San Antonio, \$59,897,111 for construction of the Glenn Biggs  
7 Institute for Alzheimer's & Neurodegenerative Diseases Building;

8 (12) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
9 Tyler:

10 (A) \$48 million for construction of a health  
11 professions education center; and

12 (B) \$10 million for construction of a health  
13 professions education center located in Longview, Texas;

14 (13) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer  
15 Center, \$69,897,111 for construction of a life sciences research,  
16 innovation, and discovery initiative facility;

17 (14) The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
18 Galveston, \$59,897,111 for infrastructure and research space  
19 upgrades for research buildings; and

20 (15) UT Southwestern Medical Center, \$59,897,111 for  
21 construction of the north campus Phase VI Brain Institute shell  
22 space.

23 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
24 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
25 an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas  
26 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
27 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while

1 the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund  
2 those bonds, are outstanding.

3 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
4 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
5 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University  
6 of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
7 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
8 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

9 (d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
10 (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university  
11 system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that  
12 subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance,  
13 infrastructure, or construction at the same institution, entity,  
14 or system in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount  
15 authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects  
16 authorized for the institution, entity, or system under this  
17 chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education  
18 Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided  
19 by this subsection.

20 (e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
21 Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
22 must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
23 Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
24 an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor  
25 or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
26 later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
27 the request.

1       Sec. 55.1793. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
2 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
3 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston  
4 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
5 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
6 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
7 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
8 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
9 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
10 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
11 as follows:

12               (1) the University of Houston System, \$59,897,111 for  
13 construction of a medical research facility;

14               (2) the University of Houston:

15                       (A) \$40 million for construction of the Hobby  
16 School of Public Affairs Building;

17                       (B) \$52,409,972 for construction of the IDEA Lab;  
18 and

19                       (C) \$52,409,972 for construction of the Sugar Land  
20 Academic Building 2;

21               (3) the University of Houston--Clear Lake, \$44,922,833  
22 for renovation of the Bayou Building, the Delta Building, and the  
23 Student Services and Classroom Building;

24               (4) the University of Houston--Downtown, \$44,922,833  
25 for renovation of existing buildings and other campus  
26 infrastructure upgrades and for the construction of the Police  
27 Department and Criminal Justice Academy Building; and



1           (5) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$44,922,833  
2 for renovation of existing buildings and other campus  
3 infrastructure upgrades.

4           (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
5 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
6 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of Houston  
7 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
8 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while  
9 the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund  
10 those bonds, are outstanding.

11           (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
12 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
13 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University  
14 of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
15 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
16 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

17           (d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
18 (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university  
19 system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that  
20 subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance,  
21 infrastructure, or construction at the same institution, entity,  
22 or system in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount  
23 authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects  
24 authorized for the institution, entity, or system under this  
25 chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education  
26 Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided  
27 by this subsection.

1       (e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
2       Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
3       must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
4       Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
5       an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor  
6       or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
7       later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
8       the request.

9       Sec. 55.1794. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
10       BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
11       subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University  
12       System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
13       enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
14       related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
15       issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
16       accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
17       the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
18       following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
19       as follows:

20               (1) Texas State University System, \$11,230,708 for  
21       construction of a field research station and dam repair;

22               (2) Lamar State College--Orange, \$37,435,695 for the  
23       replacement of an academic building to house general academic  
24       instruction and information technology services;

25               (3) Lamar State College--Port Arthur, \$37,435,695 for  
26       construction of an allied health and sciences building;

27               (4) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$37,435,695 for

1 construction of a facility for workforce and allied health  
2 programs;

3 (5) Lamar University, \$44,922,833 for renovation of a  
4 library;

5 (6) Sam Houston State University:

6 (A) \$44,922,833 for construction of an allied  
7 health building located in Conroe, Texas; and

8 (B) \$44,922,833 for construction of an active  
9 learning center located in Huntsville, Texas; and

10 (7) Texas State University:

11 (A) \$111,921,496 for construction of a STEM  
12 classroom building located in San Marcos, Texas; and

13 (B) \$52,409,972 for construction of a health  
14 professions building located in Round Rock, Texas.

15 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
16 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
17 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State University  
18 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
19 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while  
20 the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund  
21 those bonds, are outstanding.

22 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
23 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
24 funds among institutions, branches and entities of the Texas State  
25 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
26 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
27 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

1       (d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
2       (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university  
3       system the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that  
4       subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance,  
5       infrastructure, or construction at the same institution, entity,  
6       or system in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount  
7       authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects  
8       authorized for the institution, entity, or system under this  
9       chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education  
10       Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided  
11       by this subsection.

12       (e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
13       Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
14       must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
15       Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
16       an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor  
17       or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
18       later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
19       the request.

20       Sec. 55.1795. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
21       BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
22       subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas  
23       System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
24       enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
25       related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
26       issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
27       accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by

1 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
2 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
3 as follows:

4 (1) the University of North Texas, \$113,400,000 for  
5 construction of a science and technology research building;

6 (2) the University of North Texas at Dallas,  
7 \$100,000,000 for construction of a science building; and

8 (3) the University of North Texas Health Science Center  
9 at Fort Worth, \$59,897,111 for campus space optimization and  
10 realignment.

11 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
12 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
13 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of North Texas  
14 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
15 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while  
16 the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund  
17 those bonds, are outstanding.

18 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
19 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
20 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University  
21 of North Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
22 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
23 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

24 (d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
25 (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university  
26 system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that  
27 subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance,

1 infrastructure, or construction at the same institution, entity,  
2 or system in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount  
3 authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects  
4 authorized for the institution, entity, or system under this  
5 chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education  
6 Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided  
7 by this subsection.

8 (e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
9 Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
10 must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
11 Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
12 an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor  
13 or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
14 later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
15 the request.

16 Sec. 55.1796. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

17 (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter,  
18 the board of regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire,  
19 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property  
20 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a  
21 health sciences center, to be financed through the issuance of  
22 bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the  
23 aggregate principal amount of \$100 million.

24 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
25 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
26 Texas Woman's University, including student tuition charges. The  
27 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced



1 or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
2 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

3 (c) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
4 (a) for Texas Woman's University, the board may finance in the  
5 manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for  
6 deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or construction at the  
7 university in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount  
8 authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects  
9 authorized for the university under this chapter. The board shall  
10 notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an  
11 alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

12 (d) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
13 Subsection (c) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
14 must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
15 Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
16 an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor  
17 or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
18 later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
19 the request.

20 Sec. 55.1797. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL  
21 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
22 subchapter, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State  
23 University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
24 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
25 related infrastructure, for construction of an interdisciplinary  
26 and applied sciences building, to be financed through the issuance  
27 of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the

1 aggregate principal amount of \$44,922,833.

2 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
3 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
4 Stephen F. Austin State University, including student tuition  
5 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may  
6 not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge  
7 is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

8 (c) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
9 (a) for Stephen F. Austin State University, the board may finance  
10 in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project  
11 for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or construction at the  
12 university in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount  
13 authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects  
14 authorized for the university under this chapter. The board shall  
15 notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an  
16 alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

17 (d) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
18 Subsection (c) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
19 must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
20 Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
21 an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor  
22 or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
23 later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
24 the request.

25 Sec. 55.1798. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
26 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
27 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University

System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Angelo State University, \$36 million for a central plant maintenance and renovation;

(2) Texas Tech University:

(A) \$72 million for renovations to address deferred maintenance for campus buildings; and

(B) \$8 million for maintenance and program enhancement construction in Junction, Texas;

(3) Midwestern State University, \$44,922,833 for renovations to an existing building and other campus infrastructure upgrades;

(4) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center:

(A) \$59,897,111 for maintenance and renovation of an existing facility; and

(B) \$18,717,847 for construction and equipment of the physician assistant facility in Midland, Texas; and

(5) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, \$59,897,111 for construction of a dental school building.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of

1 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas Tech University  
2 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
3 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while  
4 the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund  
5 those bonds, are outstanding.

6 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
7 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
8 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas Tech  
9 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
10 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
11 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

12 (d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
13 (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university  
14 system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that  
15 subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance,  
16 infrastructure, or construction at the same institution, entity,  
17 or system in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount  
18 authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects  
19 authorized for the institution, entity, or system under this  
20 chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education  
21 Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided  
22 by this subsection.

23 (e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
24 Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
25 must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
26 Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
27 an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor

1 or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
2 later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
3 the request.

4 Sec. 55.1799. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

5 (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter,  
6 the board of regents of Texas Southern University may acquire,  
7 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property  
8 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for  
9 projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance  
10 with this subchapter, not to exceed the following aggregate  
11 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

12 (1) \$22,800,000 for renovation of the Nabrit Building;

13 (2) \$2,400,000 for upgrades to signage and wayfinding;

14 (3) \$40 million for facility maintenance and  
15 renovation; and

16 (4) \$30 million for construction of a health and  
17 wellness center.

18 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
19 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
20 Texas Southern University, including student tuition charges. The  
21 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced  
22 or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
23 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

24 (c) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
25 (a) for Texas Southern University, the board may finance in the  
26 manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for  
27 deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or construction at the

1 university in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount  
2 authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects  
3 authorized for the university under this chapter. The board shall  
4 notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an  
5 alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

6 (d) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
7 Subsection (c) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
8 must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
9 Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
10 an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor  
11 or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
12 later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
13 the request.

14 Sec. 55.17991. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. (a) In  
15 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the  
16 board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may  
17 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
18 property and facilities, including roads and related  
19 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance  
20 of bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following  
21 entity and institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate  
22 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

23 (1) Texas State Technical College System, \$33,300,000  
24 for the East Williamson County Higher Education Center expansion;

25 (2) Texas State Technical College--Fort Bend,  
26 \$41,800,000 for Fort Bend County campus expansion;

27 (3) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen,



1 \$37,800,000 for Harlingen campus expansion;

2 (4) Texas State Technical College--Marshall, \$15  
3 million for Marshall campus expansion;

4 (5) Texas State Technical College--North Texas, \$13.5  
5 million for North Texas campus expansion;

6 (6) Texas State Technical College--West Texas, \$13.5  
7 million for West Texas campus expansion; and

8 (7) Texas State Technical College--Waco, \$53,600,000  
9 for Waco campus expansion.

10 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
11 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
12 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State Technical  
13 College System, including student tuition charges. The amount of  
14 a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated  
15 while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to  
16 refund those bonds, are outstanding.

17 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
18 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
19 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State  
20 Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
21 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
22 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

23 (d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection  
24 (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or system, the  
25 board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an  
26 alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or  
27 construction at the same institution, entity, or system in an

1 amount not to exceed the total of the amount authorized for the  
2 project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the  
3 institution, entity, or system under this chapter. The board shall  
4 notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an  
5 alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

6 (e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by  
7 Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board  
8 must receive prior written approval from the governor and  
9 Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of  
10 an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor  
11 or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not  
12 later than the 30th business day after the date of the receipt of  
13 the request.

14 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is  
15 amended by adding Section 55.165 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 55.165. OVERSIGHT OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS. (a)  
17 This section applies only to a capital project for which the  
18 issuance of bonds is specifically authorized under this chapter on  
19 or after October 1, 2021.

20 (b) Notwithstanding Section 2262.002(a), Government Code, or  
21 any other law, a project to which this section applies is subject  
22 to oversight by the contract advisory team in accordance with  
23 Subchapter C, Chapter 2262, Government Code, and the governing  
24 board of the institution of higher education or university system  
25 for which a project was authorized shall consult the contract  
26 advisory team before expending any funds for purposes of the  
27 project. The contract advisory team shall consider the model

1 guidelines for procurement and construction developed by the  
2 capital project oversight advisory commission established by  
3 S.B. 52, 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, when  
4 consulting with a governing board for purposes of this subsection.

5 (c) Notwithstanding Section 322.020(f), Government Code, or  
6 any other law, the governing board of an institution of higher  
7 education or university system authorized to issue bonds for a  
8 project to which this section applies shall report any major  
9 contract as defined by Section 322.020(a), Government Code, that  
10 is entered into for purposes of the project to the major contracts  
11 database maintained by the Legislative Budget Board under Section  
12 322.020, Government Code, not later than the 30th day after the  
13 date the contract is executed.

14 SECTION 4. CAPITAL PROJECT OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMISSION.

15 (a) The Capital Project Oversight Advisory Commission is composed  
16 of nine members as follows:

17 (1) the chair of the Senate Committee on Higher  
18 Education;

19 (2) one member of the senate appointed by the  
20 lieutenant governor;

21 (3) the chair of the House Committee on Higher  
22 Education;

23 (4) one member of the house of representatives  
24 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

25 (5) one member of the public appointed by the  
26 lieutenant governor;

27 (6) one member of the public appointed by the speaker

1 of the house of representatives;

2 (7) the chair of the Texas Facilities Commission;

3 (8) the commissioner of higher education; and

4 (9) one member of the public appointed by the governor  
5 to serve as chair of the commission.

6 (b) Appointments to the commission shall be made without  
7 regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or  
8 national origin of the appointee.

9 (c) The commission, in consultation with the Legislative  
10 Budget Board and Comptroller of Public Accounts, shall develop  
11 model guidelines to be considered by public institutions of higher  
12 education and university systems for procurement and construction  
13 related to capital projects for which the issuance of bonds is  
14 specifically authorized under Chapter 55, Education Code.

15 (d) The commission may request reports and other information  
16 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board relating to  
17 capital projects described by Subsection (c) of this section.

18 (e) Not later than March 31, 2022, the commission shall  
19 develop the model guidelines required by Subsection (c) of this  
20 section.

21 (f) Not later than December 1, 2022, the commission shall  
22 prepare and submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor,  
23 and speaker of the house of representatives on the model guidelines  
24 developed under Subsection (c) of this section and recommendations  
25 for legislative or other action.

26 (g) The commission is abolished effective December 31, 2022.

27 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect any authority or

1 restriction regarding the activities that a public institution of  
2 higher education may conduct in connection with a facility financed  
3 by bonds authorized by this Act.

4 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
5 last day of the legislative session.

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*See SECTION 1 below.*

*See SECTION 1 below.*

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended.

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Sec. 55.1791. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

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Sec. 55.1791. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

(a) Same as House version except as follows:

*See (6) below.*

(1) The Texas A&M University System, \$43,425,406 for construction of a STEM education center at the RELIS campus;

(2) Prairie View A&M University, \$44,922,833 for construction of a teaching and academic student support services facility;

(3) Tarleton State University, \$90 million for construction of a College of Health Sciences and Human Services building on the Stephenville campus;

(3) Tarleton State University:  
(A) \$65 million for construction of a College of Health Sciences and Human Services building on the Stephenville



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(1) Texas A&M University, **\$125 million** for construction of a clinical veterinary teaching and research complex;

(2) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, **\$40 million** for construction of a central plant and infrastructure upgrades;

(3) Texas A&M University--Commerce, **\$40 million** for infrastructure upgrades to address accessibility for persons with disabilities and health and safety issues;

(4) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, **\$30 million** to address deferred maintenance;

(5) Texas A&M University--Kingsville, **\$60 million** to address deferred maintenance;

(6) Prairie View A&M University, **\$60 million** for construction of a teaching and academic student support services facility;

(4) Texas A&M University, **\$56,153,542** for construction of a clinical veterinary teaching and research complex;

*See (9) below.*

(5) Texas A&M University--Commerce, **\$44,922,833** for infrastructure upgrades to address accessibility for persons with disabilities and health and safety issues;

(6) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, **\$44,922,833** for construction of an arts and media building;

(7) Texas A&M University at Galveston, **\$33,692,125** for construction of an engineering classroom and research building;

(8) Texas A&M University--Kingsville, **\$44,922,833** for renovations to address deferred maintenance for campus buildings;

*See (2) above.*

campus; and  
(B) **\$25 million** for expansion of the Fort Worth campus.

(5) Texas A&M University--Commerce, **\$44,922,833** for an **Agricultural Multipurpose Education and Training Center;**

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*See (2) above.*

(7) West Texas A&M University, \$65,750,000 for infrastructure upgrades to address health and safety issues and the renovation of an education building;

(8) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$50 million for construction of a public health and education building;

(9) Texas A&M International University, \$70 million for construction of a health science education and research center;

(10) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$46 million for construction of a business, engineering, and technology building; and

(11) The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, \$55 million for construction of the Texas Medical Center Building 3 in Houston, Texas.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The Texas A&M

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(9) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, \$44,922,833 for construction of a central *utility* plant and infrastructure upgrades;

(10) West Texas A&M University, \$44,922,833 for infrastructure upgrades to address health and safety issues and the renovation of an education building;

(11) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$44,922,833 for construction of a public health and education building;

(12) Texas A&M International University, \$44,922,833 for construction of a health science education and research center;

(13) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$44,922,833 for construction of a business, engineering, and technology building; and

(14) The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center:  
(A) \$69,897,111 for construction of the Texas Medical Center Building 3 in Houston, Texas; and [FA1(3)]  
(B) \$29,948,556 for construction of a nursing education and research center in McAllen, Texas.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The Texas A&M

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University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The Texas A&M University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

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University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The Texas A&M University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

*(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education of entity, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed \$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.* [FA1(10)]

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(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, **or construction** at the institution, entity, or system in an amount not to exceed **the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter.** The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

(e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of

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(1) The University of Texas at Austin, \$74 million for renovation of the Microelectronics Research Center at the J. J. Pickle Research Campus;

(2) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$101,200,000 for renovation of the Life Science Building;

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(1) The University of Texas System, \$56,153,542 for renovation of the Microelectronics Research Center at the J. J. Pickle Research Campus;

(2) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$52,409,972 for renovation of the Life Science Building;

(3) The University of Texas at Austin, \$56,153,542 for renovation of the Physics, Math, and Astronomy Building;

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*financing of an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.*

Sec. 55.1792. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

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(3) The University of Texas at Dallas, \$62 million for construction of a student success center;

(4) The University of Texas at El Paso, \$74 million for construction of an advanced teaching and learning complex;

(5) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, \$50 million for renovation of the Mesa Building;

(6) The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, \$35 million to address deferred maintenance;

(7) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, \$48 million for construction of a health professions education center;

(8) The University of Texas at Tyler, \$54,800,000 for construction of a sciences building;

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(4) The University of Texas at Dallas, \$52,409,972 for construction of a student success center;

(5) The University of Texas at El Paso, \$52,409,972 for construction of an advanced teaching and learning complex;

(6) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, \$44,922,833 for renovation of the Mesa Building and campus transformation;

(7) The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, \$44,922,833 for construction of a health affairs building;

(8) The University of Texas at San Antonio, \$52,409,972 for construction of an Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Careers building;

*See (12) below.*

(9) The University of Texas at Tyler, \$44,922,833 for construction of a sciences building;

(10) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, \$69,897,111 for construction of a public health education and research building; [FA1(4)]

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**(11) The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, \$59,897,111 for construction of the Glenn Biggs Institute for Alzheimer's & Neurodegenerative Diseases Building;**

(12) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler:  
(A) \$48 million for construction of a health professions education center; and  
(B) \$10 million for construction of a health professions education center located in Longview, Texas;

See (7) above.

(9) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, \$74 million for construction of a life sciences research, innovation, and discovery facility; and

(13) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, \$69,897,111 for construction of a life sciences research, innovation, and discovery initiative facility; [FA1(5)]

(10) The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, \$81,358,171 for infrastructure and research space upgrades for research buildings.

(14) The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, \$59,897,111 for infrastructure and research space upgrades for research buildings; and

**(15) UT Southwestern Medical Center, \$59,897,111 for construction of the north campus Phase VI Brain Institute shell space.**

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas System, including student tuition charges. The amount

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of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

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of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

*(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education of entity, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed \$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection. [FA1(11)]*

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(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, **or construction** at the institution, entity, or system in an amount not to exceed **the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter.** The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

(e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of an alternative project is considered approved

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Sec. 55.1793. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) the University of Houston System, \$113 million for construction of a medical research facility;

(2) the University of Houston, \$118,800,000 for construction of the IDEA Lab;

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(1) the University of Houston System:

(A) \$52,409,972 for construction of the Katy Academic Building 2; and

(B) \$59,897,111 for construction of a medical research facility;

(2) the University of Houston:

(A) \$40,000,001 for construction of the Hobby School of Public Affairs Building; and [FA3]

(B) \$52,409,972 for construction of the IDEA Lab;

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*unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.*

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(1) the University of Houston System, \$59,897,111 for construction of a medical research facility;

(2) the University of Houston:

(A) \$40 million for construction of the Hobby School of Public Affairs Building;

(B) \$52,409,972 for construction of the IDEA Lab; and

(C) \$52,409,972 for construction of the Sugar Land



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(3) the University of Houston--Clear Lake, \$60 million for renovation of the Bayou Building, the Delta Building, and the Student Services and Classroom Building;

(4) the University of Houston--Downtown, \$15 million for additions to the Girard Street Building; and

(5) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$21,280,469 for renovation of existing buildings and other campus infrastructure upgrades.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the University of Houston System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch,

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(3) the University of Houston--Clear Lake, \$44,922,833 for renovation of the Bayou Building, the Delta Building, and the Student Services and Classroom Building;

(4) the University of Houston--Downtown, \$44,922,833 for renovation of existing buildings and other campus infrastructure upgrades and for the construction of the Police Department and Criminal Justice Academy Building; and

(5) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$44,922,833 for renovation of existing buildings and other campus infrastructure upgrades.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the University of Houston System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient

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(3) the University of Houston--Clear Lake, \$44,922,833 for renovation of the Bayou Building, the Delta Building, and the Student Services and Classroom Building;

(4) the University of Houston--Downtown, \$44,922,833 for renovation of existing buildings and other campus infrastructure upgrades and for the construction of the Police Department and Criminal Justice Academy Building; and

(5) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$44,922,833 for renovation of existing buildings and other campus infrastructure upgrades.

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or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

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allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

*(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education of entity, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed \$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.*[FA1(12)]

Sec. 55.1794. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University System may acquire, purchase,

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(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or construction at the institution, entity, or system in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

(e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.

Sec. 55.1794. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

(a)-(c) Substantially the same as House version.

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construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) ~~Lamar State College--Orange, \$42 million for the construction~~ of an academic building to house general academic instruction and information technology services;

(2) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$48 million for construction of a facility for workforce and allied health programs;

(3) Lamar University, \$75 million for renovation of a library;

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construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) *Texas State University System, \$11,230,708 for construction of a field research station and dam repair;*

(2) ~~Lamar State College--Orange, \$37,435,695 for the replacement~~ of an academic building to house general academic instruction and information technology services;

(3) *Lamar State College--Port Arthur, \$37,435,695 for construction of an allied health and sciences building;*

(4) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$37,435,695 for construction of a facility for workforce and allied health programs;

(5) Lamar University, \$44,922,833 for renovation of a library;

(6), (7) [Deleted by FA1(7)]

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(4) Sam Houston State University, \$70 million for construction of an allied health building located in Conroe, Texas; and

(5) Texas State University, \$141,300,000 for construction of a STEM classroom building and health professions building.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

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(8) Sam Houston State University:  
(A) \$44,922,833 for construction of an allied health building located in Conroe, Texas; and  
(B) \$44,922,833 for construction of an active learning center located in Huntsville, Texas; and

(9) Texas State University:  
(A) \$111,921,496 for construction of a STEM classroom building located in San Marcos, Texas; and [FA1(6)]  
(B) \$52,409,972 for construction of a health professions building located in Round Rock, Texas.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a)

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*for an institution of higher education of entity, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed \$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection. [FA1(13)]*

Sec. 55.1795. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a

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for an institution of higher education, entity, or university system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or construction at the institution, entity, or system in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

(e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.

Sec. 55.1795. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

(a) Same as House version except as follows:



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systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) the University of North Texas, **\$113,400,000** for construction of a science and technology research building;

(2) the University of North Texas at Dallas, **\$140 million** for construction of a science building, and

(3) the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, **\$84 million** for campus space optimization and realignment.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the University of North Texas System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds

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systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) the University of North Texas:

(A) **\$52,409,472** for construction of a science and technology research building; **and**

(B) **\$52,409,472 for construction of a commerce, analytics, technology, and engineering building in Frisco, Texas;**

(2) the University of North Texas at Dallas, **\$100,000,000** for construction of a science building, and

(3) the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, **\$59,897,111** for campus space optimization and realignment. [FA1(2)]

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the University of North Texas System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds

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(1) Same as Senate version.

(2), (3) Same as House version.

(b), (c) Same as House version.

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among institutions, branches, and entities of the University of North Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

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among institutions, branches, and entities of the University of North Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

***(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education of entity, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed \$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection. [FA1(14)]***

Sec. 55.1796. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other

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(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or construction at the institution, entity, or system in an amount not to exceed **the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter.** The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

**(e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.**

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authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for construction of a health sciences center, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$108 million.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of Texas Woman's University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

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authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a health sciences center, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$100 million.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of Texas Woman's University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

***(C) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for Texas Woman's University, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed \$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection. [FA1(15)]***

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(a), (b) Same as House version.

(c) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for Texas Woman's University, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or construction at the university in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

(d) For financing of an alternative project as provided by



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Subsection (c) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.

Sec. 55.1797. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for construction of an interdisciplinary and applied sciences building, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$53 million.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of Stephen F. Austin State University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

Sec. 55.1797. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for construction of an interdisciplinary and applied sciences building, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$44,922,833.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of Stephen F. Austin State University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(C) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection

Sec. 55.1797. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

(a), (b) Same as House version.

(c) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a)

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*(a) for Stephen F. Austin State University, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed \$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection. [FA1(16)]*

for Stephen F. Austin State University, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or construction at the university in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

(d) For financing of an alternative project as provided by Subsection (c) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.

Sec. 55.1798. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board

Sec. 55.1798. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following

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for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Angelo State University, \$36 million for maintenance and renovation of a central plant;

(2) Texas Tech University:

(A) \$72 million for renovations to address deferred maintenance for campus buildings; and

(B) \$8 million for maintenance and program enhancement construction in Junction, Texas;

(3) **Midwestern State University, \$50 million for renovation of the Bolin Science Hall and other infrastructure; and**

(4) **Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, \$90 million** for maintenance and renovation of an existing facility.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue

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institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Angelo State University, \$36 million for a central plant maintenance and renovation;

(2) Texas Tech University:

(A) \$72 million for renovations to address deferred maintenance for campus buildings; and

(B) \$8 million for maintenance and program enhancement construction in Junction, Texas; [FA1(8)]

(3) **Midwestern State University, \$44,922,833 for renovations to an existing building and other campus infrastructure upgrades;**

(4) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center:

(A) **\$59,897,111** for maintenance and renovation of an existing facility; and

(B) **\$18,717,847 for construction and equipment of the physician assistant facility in Midland, Texas; and**

(5) **Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, \$59,897,111 for construction of a dental school building.**

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of

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funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas Tech University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas Tech University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

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bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas Tech University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas Tech University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

*(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education of entity, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed \$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection. [FA1(17)]*

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(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or university system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, **or construction** at the institution, entity, or system in an amount not to exceed **the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter.** The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

(e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the

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**board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.**

Sec. 55.1799. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Southern University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

- (1) \$22,800,000 for renovation of the Nabrit Building;
  - (2) \$2,400,000 for upgrades to signage and wayfinding;
  - (3) \$40 million for facility maintenance and renovation; and
  - (4) \$30 million for construction of a health and wellness center.
- (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue

Sec. 55.1799. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Southern University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

- (1) \$22,800,000 for renovation of the Nabrit Building;
  - (2) \$2,400,000 for upgrades to signage and wayfinding;
  - (3) \$40 million for facility maintenance and renovation; and
  - (4) \$30 million for construction of a health and wellness center.
- (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue

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funds of Texas Southern University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

funds of Texas Southern University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

***(C) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for Texas Southern University, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed \$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget-Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection. [FA1(18)]***

(c) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for Texas Southern University, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, **or construction** at the university in an amount not to exceed **the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter.** The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

**(d) For financing of an alternative project as provided by Subsection (c) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.**

Sec. 55.17991. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by

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this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following entity and institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Texas State Technical College System, \$33,300,000 for the *Williamson County campus site phase II*;

(2) Texas State Technical College--Fort Bend, \$41,800,000 for construction of phase II of the campus site;

(3) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen, \$37,800,000 for construction of an industrial technology performance learning center;

(4) Texas State Technical College--Marshall, \$15 million for construction of an industrial technology performance learning center;

(5) Texas State Technical College--North Texas, \$13.5 million for construction of phase II of the campus site;

(6) Texas State Technical College--West Texas, \$13.5 million

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this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following entity and institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Texas State Technical College System, \$33,300,000 for the *East Williamson County Higher Education Center expansion*; [FA1(9)(part)]

(2) Texas State Technical College--Fort Bend, \$41,800,000 for Fort Bend County campus expansion; [FA1(9)(part)]

(3) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen, \$37,800,000 for Harlingen campus expansion; [FA1(9)(part)]

(4) Texas State Technical College--Marshall, \$15,000,000 for Marshall campus expansion; [FA1(9)(part)]

(5) Texas State Technical College--North Texas, \$13,500,000 for North Texas campus expansion; [FA1(9)(part)]

(6) Texas State Technical College--West Texas, \$13,500,000

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for construction of phase II of the campus site located in Abilene, Texas; and

(7) Texas State Technical College--Waco, \$53,600,000 for construction of an industrial technology performance learning center.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State Technical College System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

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for West Texas campus expansion; and [FA1(9)(part)]

(7) Texas State Technical College--Waco, \$53,600,000 for Waco campus expansion. [FA1(9)(part)]

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State Technical College System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education or entity, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance or infrastructure at the university in an amount not to exceed

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(d) In lieu of financing a project described by Subsection (a) for an institution of higher education, entity, or system, the board may finance in the manner prescribed by that subsection an alternative project for deferred maintenance, infrastructure, or construction at the institution, entity, or system in an



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*\$40 million for the university under this chapter. Repurposing of funds in excess of \$40 million are subject to prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection. [FA1(19)]*

amount not to exceed the total of the amount authorized for the project and any unspent amount from projects authorized for the institution or entity under this chapter. The board shall notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of an alternative project financed as provided by this subsection.

(e) For financing of an alternative project as provided by Subsection (d) in an amount that exceeds \$25 million, the board must receive prior written approval from the governor and Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of financing of an alternative project is considered approved unless the governor or the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the receipt of the request.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 55.111 to read as follows:  
Sec. 55.111. CERTAIN ALLOCATED FUNDS TO BE DESIGNATED AS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROJECTS. For purposes of this subchapter, funds allocated from the appropriation of general revenue to an institution of higher education to supplement revenue funds of the institution described by Section 55.13(a) may be designated as "Capital Construction Assistance Projects."

SECTION 1. Substantially the same as Senate version, *except references fund allocations from the appropriation of general revenue and federal funds.* [FA1(1)]

SECTION 1. Substantially the same as House version, *except references the fund allocations from the appropriation of general revenue or federal funds.*

*No equivalent provision.*

*No equivalent provision.*

SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is

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[But see SECTION \_\_, FA1(21), below.]

amended by adding Section 55.165 to read as follows:  
Sec. 55.165. OVERSIGHT OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS. (a) This section applies only to a capital project for which the issuance of bonds is specifically authorized under this chapter on or after October 1, 2021.  
(b) Notwithstanding Section 2262.002(a), Government Code, or any other law, a project to which this section applies is subject to oversight by the contract advisory team in accordance with Subchapter C, Chapter 2262, Government Code, and the governing board of the institution of higher education or university system for which a project was authorized shall consult the contract advisory team before expending any funds for purposes of the project. The contract advisory team shall consider the model guidelines for procurement and construction developed by the capital project oversight advisory commission established by S.B. 52, 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, when consulting with a governing board for purposes of this subsection.  
(c) Notwithstanding Section 322.020(f), Government Code, or any other law, the governing board of an institution of higher education or university system authorized to issue bonds for a project to which this section applies shall report any major contract as defined by Section 322.020(a), Government Code, that is entered into for purposes of the project to the major contracts database maintained by the Legislative Budget Board under Section 322.020, Government Code, not later than the 30th day after the date the contract is executed.

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SECTION \_\_. CAPITAL PROJECT OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMISSION. (a) The Capital Project Oversight Advisory Commission is composed of nine members as follows:

- (1) the chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education;
- (2) one member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor;
- (3) the chair of the House Committee on Higher Education;
- (4) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker;
- (5) one member of the public appointed by the lieutenant governor;
- (6) one member of the public appointed by the speaker;
- (7) the Chairman of the Texas Facilities Commission;
- (8) the Commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and
- (9) one member of the public appointed by the governor.
- (10) The member of the public appointed by the Governor shall serve as chair of the Commission.

(b) Appointments to the Commission shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

(c) The Commission, in consultation with the Legislative Budget Board, *Texas Facilities Commission*, and Comptroller of Public Accounts, shall develop model guidelines to be considered by institutions of higher education for procurement and construction related to capital projects for which the issuance of *revenue* bonds are authorized under S.B. 52, 87th

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SECTION 4. CAPITAL PROJECT OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMISSION. (a) The Capital Project Oversight Advisory Commission is composed of nine members as follows:

- (1) the chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education;
- (2) one member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor;
- (3) the chair of the House Committee on Higher Education;
- (4) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (5) one member of the public appointed by the lieutenant governor;
- (6) one member of the public appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (7) the chair of the Texas Facilities Commission;
- (8) the commissioner of higher education; and
- (9) one member of the public appointed by the governor to serve as chair of the commission.

(b) Appointments to the commission shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

(c) The commission, in consultation with the Legislative Budget Board and Comptroller of Public Accounts, shall develop model guidelines to be considered by *public* institutions of higher education *and university systems* for procurement and construction related to capital projects for which the issuance of bonds *is specifically* authorized under

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Legislature, Third Called Session, 2021, or similar legislation.  
(d) The Commission may request reports and other information from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board relating to capital projects described by Subsection (c).  
(e) Not later than March 31, 2022, the Commission shall develop the model guidelines *described* by Subsection (c)(3).  
(f) Not later than December 1, 2022, the Commission shall prepare and submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives on the model guidelines developed in accordance with Subsection (c) and recommendations for legislative or other action.  
(g) The Commission is abolished effective December 31, 2022. [FA1(20)]

**Chapter 55, Education Code.**  
(d) The commission may request reports and other information from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board relating to capital projects described by Subsection (c).  
(e) Not later than March 31, 2022, the commission shall develop the model guidelines *required* by Subsection (c).  
(f) Not later than December 1, 2022, the commission shall prepare and submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives on the model guidelines developed under Subsection (c) and recommendations for legislative or other action.  
(g) The Commission is abolished effective December 31, 2022.

SECTION \_\_. CAPITAL PROJECT OVERSIGHT. (a) Notwithstanding Texas Government Code Sec. 2262.001, all institutions of higher education authorized above shall be subject to Contract Advisory Team oversight, prior to expending any funds for purposes of Capital Construction Assistance Projects.  
(b) Notwithstanding Texas Government Code Sec. 322.020, all institutions of higher education authorized above shall report all major contracts entered into for purposes of Capital Construction Assistance Projects to the Legislative Budget Board's Contracts Database, within 30 days of contract execution. [FA1(21)]

*No equivalent provision.*  
  
*[But see SECTION 3 above.]*

*No equivalent provision.*

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SECTION 3. This Act does not affect any authority or restriction regarding the activities that a public institution of higher education may conduct in connection with a facility financed by bonds authorized by this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

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SECTION 3. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 4. Same as Senate version.

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SECTION 5. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 6. Same as Senate version.